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From: Craig Rothfeld
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 10:18 PM
To: Al Dirschberger
Subject: FW: Information for AZ Lawsuit
Attachments: 2023_09_26_Doc_1221.pdf; 2023_10_18_Doc_1222_Extension.pdf; 2023_09_14_Doc_1220.pdf; 2023_08_24_Doc_1217_Extension.pdf; 2023_11_28_Doc_1226.pdf; KR CALL LOG (April 2023 thru Present).xlsx; 2023_11_20_ExtensionRequest_in_Reconsideration Motion.pdf

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From: Suneel Chakravorty <suneel@suneelchakravorty.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2024 3:47 PM
To: Craig Rothfeld <craig@insideoutsideltd.com>
Cc: Eduardo Asunsolo <easunsolor@gmail.com>; James Grant (theraven@3eyedraveninvestigations.com) <theraven@3eyedraveninvestigations.com>
Subject: Information for AZ Lawsuit

Hi Craig,

Please find attached:

- Table of all calls from April 2023 til present and their durations
- All of the requests for extensions in the criminal case due to the BOP issues
 - a. 8/24/23: Extension request
 - b. 9/14/23: Extension request
 - c. 9/26/23: Extension request
 - d. 10/18/23: Extension request
 - e. 11/20/23: Extension request made in the reconsideration motion (Doc. 1225)
 - f. 11/28/23: Confirming extension request was granted

I'm going through the table and motion draft you sent next and will send back any thoughts later today.



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